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REVIEW OF EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM:

7. Discussion: [REDACTED] Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Subcommittee, reported that the Subcommittee meets on a bimonthly basis and functions actively in its role of reviewing, coordinating, and furthering economic intelligence research in the field of petroleum. It also provides a valuable medium for the exchange of ideas and information of mutual interest to the members of the intelligence community. The activities of the Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 1959 have included: support to the USIB Committee on Exchanges in petroleum and liquified natural gas; preparation of surveys of priority research deficiencies, preparation of surveys of priority collection deficiencies, review of research projects, production of coordinated intelligence reports (Sino-Soviet Bloc Military Consumption of Petroleum Products) and production of agreed basic statistics for 1958. These activities will be continued in the next fiscal year, and it is anticipated that the program of review of substantive papers will be given broader coverage for Fiscal Year 1960, particularly with respect to China.

8. Action: The Chairman noted that the Petroleum Subcommittee is one of the more active within the EIC. The State Department member of the EIC, Mrs. Whitnack, stated that in surveying the users in the Department of State, she had found that the work of the Petroleum Subcommittee was considered the most valuable of any of the subcommittees and that she had been asked to compliment the Subcommittee for its work.

REVIEW OF EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER & SOLID FUELS:

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9. Discussion: The Chairman of the Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels, [REDACTED] spoke briefly on the activities of that Subcommittee. He noted that the consensus of the members was that frequent meetings would not serve a useful purpose, but that they would meet twice a year, perhaps in January and later in the spring, to discuss the annual report. Although the Subcommittee, itself, had not been called upon to give assistance to the USIB Committee on Exchanges, the Executive Secretary of the Subcommittee

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had been very active in this respect. [REDACTED] said that his Subcommittee was chiefly interested in shifting fuel balances which cut across the areas of interest of two other subcommittees. He was in doubt as to the proper marking of the jurisdictional lines.

10. Action: The State Department member inquired as to whether this Subcommittee and the Petroleum Subcommittee could be combined into a single subcommittee on energy. It was pointed out, however, that the interests and competencies of the membership of the two subcommittees are probably too divergent. It was agreed by the members that there was an advantage in having the subcommittee mechanism available in case critical questions came up in this field and the ability to call upon people within the community would be an advantage. Even though there is no actual work on hand, they should meet occasionally to exchange information.

REVIEW OF EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHEMICALS:

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11. Discussion: The Chemicals Subcommittee Executive Secretary, [REDACTED] reported that his Subcommittee had not been very active during the past year, having met but three times, but that they expected to hold more meetings in the coming year. He pointed out that there had been an increased interest in the technical exchanges and they are providing support to the USIB Committee on Exchanges. Other plans for this year include revision of statements of priority research deficiencies and priority collection deficiencies. [REDACTED] stated that the basic reason for their not issuing the Statements of Collection Deficiencies was because they were unsure as to the purpose they served, and he asked the Chairman for some enlightenment. 25X1A9a

The Chairman stated that the ORR/GIs have been considered as a framework for subcommittee consideration and that most of the collection deficiency statements are geared to this kind of presentation. These statements, in some cases, are sent to the field as submitted. Some collection components at Headquarters add their own instructions and transmit only selected parts of these statements as requirements to their field people. He pointed out that the subcommittee collection deficiencies statements reflect the interests of all participants and each agency could initiate its own type of requirement for collection on the basis of these deficiency statements.

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EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER & SOLID FUELS

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Chairman:

Executive Secretary:

Agencies on SC:

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State, Army, Air Force, NSA, CIA,  
OSD, Interior

I. Activities during FY 1959 (met twice)

Prepared Priority Research Deficiencies surveys; and  
reviewed 3 ORGI's in the field.

*See list*

II. Program for FY 1960

Plan to prepare collection deficiencies, based in part on ORGI's.

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